

Winning Space Race with Data Science

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Executive Summary

Summary of methodologies

- Data Collection through API
- Data Collection with Web Scraping
- Data Wrangling
- Exploratory Data Analysis with SQL
- Exploratory Data Analysis with Data Visualization
- Interactive Visual Analytics with Folium
- Machine Learning Prediction

Summary of all results

- EDA result
- Interactive Visual Analytics with Geological Information analytics
- Predictive Analytics Result with Machine Learning
- Python Data Dashboard App

Introduction

Project background and context

SpaceX advertises Falcon 9 rocket launches on its website with a cost of 62 million dollars; other providers cost upward of 165 million dollars each, much of the savings is because SpaceX can reuse the first stage. Therefore, if we can determine if the first stage will land, we can determine the cost of a launch. This information can be used if an alternate company wants to bid against SpaceX for a rocket launch. In this lab, you will collect and make sure the data is in the correct format from an API. This goal of the project is to create a data science process to predict if the Falcon 9 first stage will land successfully.

Problems you want to find answers

- Estimate the total cost of new rocket launches.
- What factors affect the cost and what is the trade-off between them?
- In what case will first stage be sacrificed.



Methodology

Executive Summary

- Data collection methodology.
 - Web data scraping using python.
- Perform data wrangling
- Perform exploratory data analysis (EDA) using visualization and SQL
 - Create a database for data storage and easiness of access
- Perform interactive visual analytics using Folium and Plotly Dash App
- Perform predictive analysis using classification models
 - Apply common types of learning models and find solution with the best one.

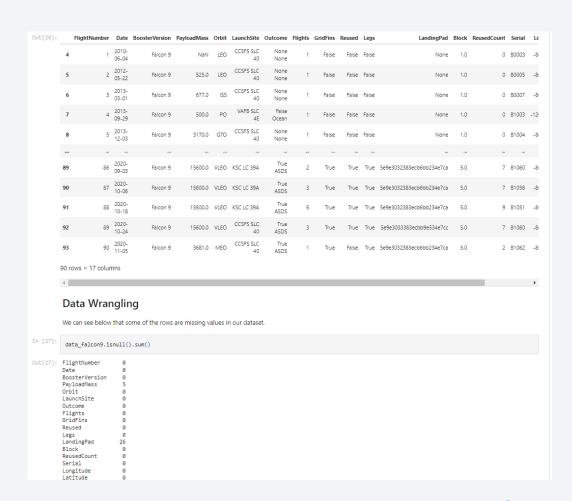
Data Collection

- The data was collected using various methods
 - Data collection was done through the SpaceX API and web pages of Wikipedia.
 - Decode the server content in Json and transfer into a pandas dataframe.
 - Applied web scraping from Wikipedia for Falcon 9 launch records, clean and summarized data.

Data Collection – SpaceX API

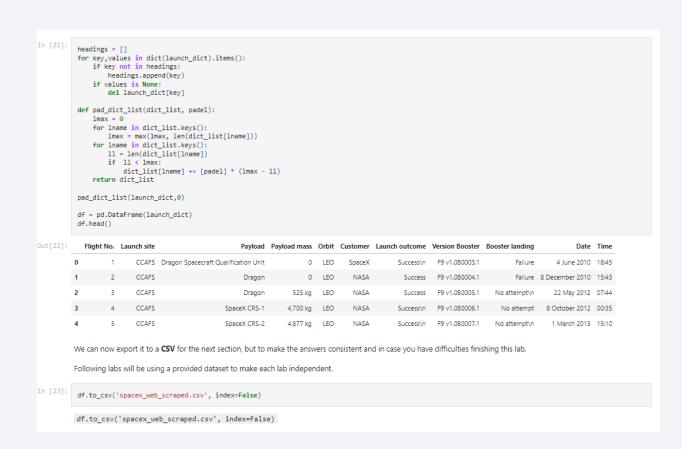
- Used SpaceX API to gather data, done basic data wrangling and formatting to make data useful for next step.
- Ipynb link.
- CapstoneDataScience/Complete the Data Collection API

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Data Collection - Scraping

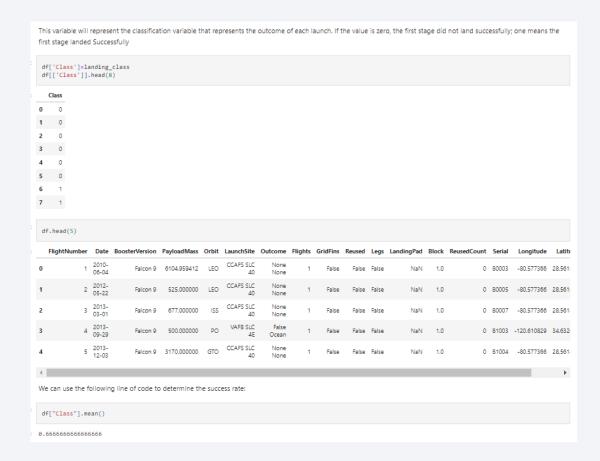
- Collected SpaceX launching data from Wikipedia webpage
- Parsed tables on web page and converted from HTML it into pandas dataframes.
- Ipynb link:
- <u>CapstoneDataScience/Data Collection with Web</u>
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Data Wrangling

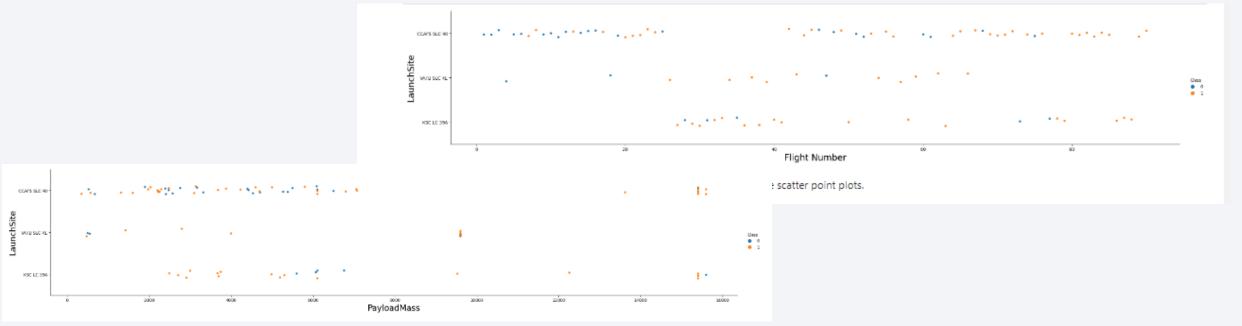
- Performed basic data process to help finding the training labels for next steps.
- Calculated the number of launches at each site.
- Number and occurrence of each orbits
- We created landing outcome label from outcome column
- Ipynb link:
- CapstoneDataScience/EDA

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EDA with Data Visualization

• Used pandas and matplotlib to create scatter and bar charts to We explored the data by visualizing the relationship between factors.



- Ipynb link:
- <u>CapstoneDataScience/EDA with Visualization lab.ipynb at master · mg4234/CapstoneDataScience (github.com)</u>

EDA with SQL

- Setup a database on IBM cloud to store the SpaceX dataset for access.
- Used Python SQL API to query data with EDA method to get insights of data.
- Some of queries:
 - names of the unique launch sites in the space mission
 - launch sites begin with the string 'CCA'
 - total payload mass carried by boosters launched by NASA (CRS)
 - average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1
 - first successful landing outcome in ground pad was acheived
 - names of the boosters which have success in drone ship and have payload mass greater than 4000 but less than 6000
- Ipynb link
- CapstoneDataScience/EDA with SQL lab.ipynb at master · mg4234/CapstoneDataScience (github.com)

Build an Interactive Map with Folium

- Used Folium Map app to mark launch sites on an interactive map.
- Marked the success or failure of launches in groups for each site on map.
- We calculated the distances between a launch site to proximities:
 - Launch site to coastline
 - Launch site to nearest railway
- Ipynb link:
- <u>CapstoneDataScience/Interactive Visual Analytics with Folium lab.ipynb at master</u> <u>mg4234/CapstoneDataScience (github.com)</u>



Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

- Create an interactive dashboard with Plotly dash
- Allow user to plotted pie charts and scatter plot in this GUI like page.
- Ipynb link:
- CapstoneDataScience/spacex dash app.py at master · mg4234/CapstoneDataScience (github.com)

Predictive Analysis (Classification)

- Used 4 classification models/methods to test the data set and find the one with best accuracy by comparison.
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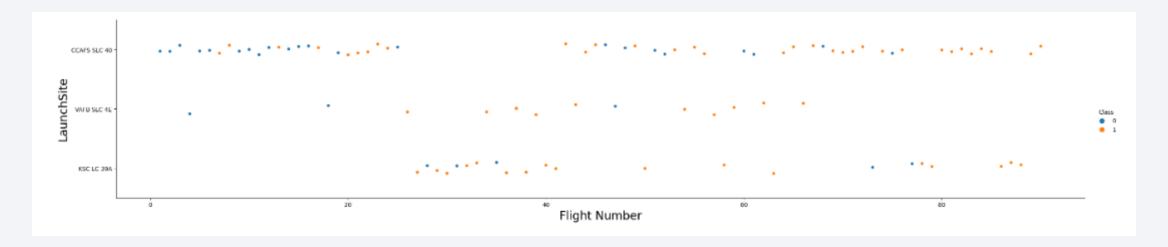
Results

- Exploratory data analysis results
- Interactive analytics demo in screenshots
- Predictive analysis results

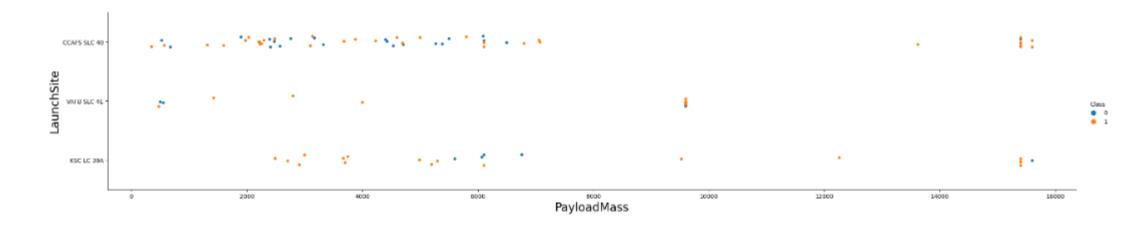


Flight Number vs. Launch Site

 CCAF5 SLC 40 has most of recent launches were successful; while it's also possible that the LC39A is running as parallel or backups.



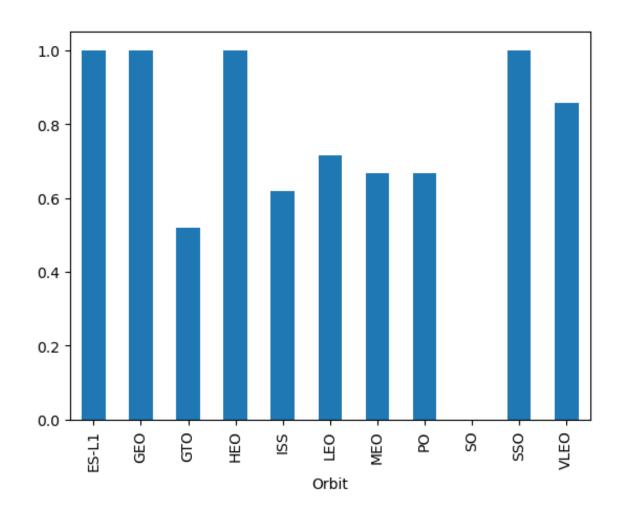
Payload vs. Launch Site



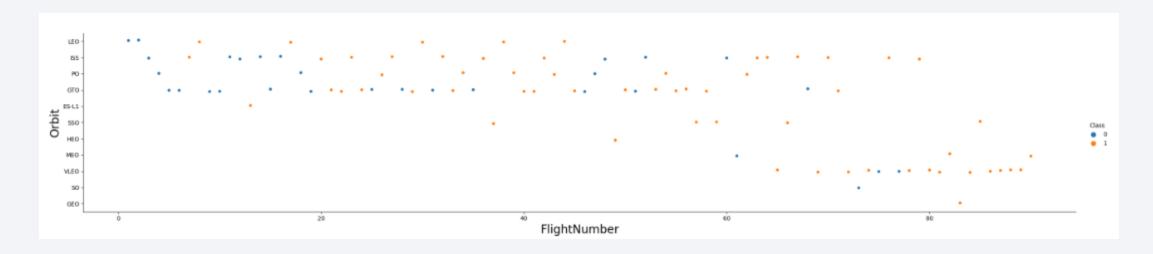
- Most Successful launches are below 7000kg.
- SLC 40 and LC 39A also had done some very high payload launches > 1500kg.

Success Rate vs. Orbit Type

- In this plot, ES-L1, GEO, HEO, SSO, VLEO had the most success rate.
- Others are all in the lower success rate group.



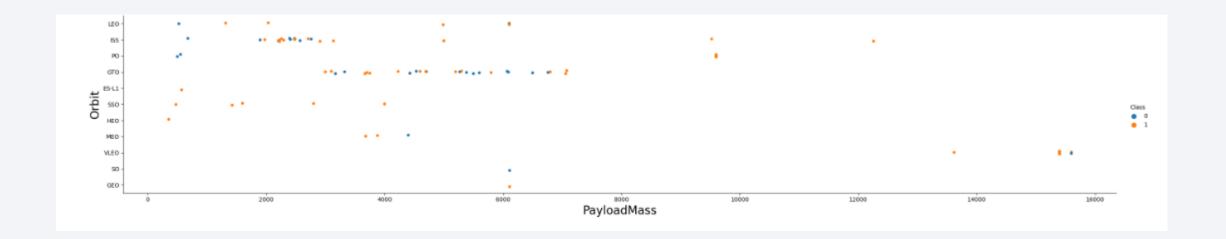
Flight Number vs. Orbit Type



- Later launches had better success rate.
- After #60 launch, most success orbit was VLEO.

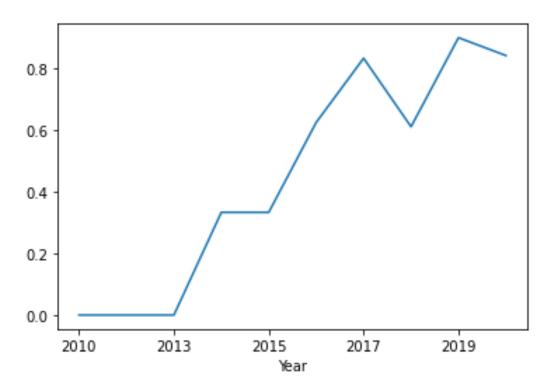
Payload vs. Orbit Type

• ISS and GTO done most launches in low and mid payload, ISS and VELO had some very heavy launches and were successful.



Launch Success Yearly Trend

- Great success increase from 2013 to 2017.
- Overall showing good success trend



All Launch Site Names

• Select **DISTINCT** to summarize unique launch site.

launch_site

CCAFS LC-40

CCAFS SLC-40

KSC LC-39A

VAFB SLC-4E

Display the names of the unique launch sites in the space mission

launchsite

- 0 KSC LC-39A
- 1 CCAFS LC-40
- 2 CCAFS SLC-40
- 3 VAFB SLC-4E

Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'

DATE	timeutc_	booster_version	launch_site	payload	payload_masskg_	orbit	customer	mission_outcome	landingoutcome
2010-06-04	18:45:00	F9 v1.0 B0003	CCAFS LC-40	Dragon Spacecraft Qualification Unit	0	LEO	SpaceX	Success	Failure (parachute)
2010-12-08	15:43:00	F9 v1.0 B0004	CCAFS LC-40	Dragon demo flight C1, two CubeSats, barrel of Brouere cheese	0	LEO (ISS)	NASA (COTS) NRO	Success	Failure (parachute)
2012-05-22	07:44:00	F9 v1.0 B0005	CCAFS LC-40	Dragon demo flight C2	525	LEO (ISS)	NASA (COTS)	Success	No attempt
2012-10-08	00:35:00	F9 v1.0 B0006	CCAFS LC-40	SpaceX CRS-1	500	LEO (ISS)	NASA (CRS)	Success	No attempt
2013-03-01	15:10:00	F9 v1.0 B0007	CCAFS LC-40	SpaceX CRS-2	677	LEO (ISS)	NASA (CRS)	Success	No attempt

• We used the keyword query and limit to 5 records

Total Payload Mass

• Used SUM function and filtered by NASA CRS.

sql SELECT SUM(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_) AS TOTAL_PAYLOAD FROM SPACEXTBL WHERE PAYLOAD LIKE '%CRS%';

Total Payload = 111268

Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

- Calculate the average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1
- Present your query result with a short explanation here
- SELECT AVG(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_) AS AVG_PAYLOAD FROM SPACEXTBL WHERE BOOSTER_VERSION = 'F9 v1.1';

avg_payload 2928

First Successful Ground Landing Date

- SELECT MIN(DATE) AS FIRST_SUCCESS_GP FROM SPACEXTBL
- WHERE LANDING_OUTCOME = 'Success (ground pad)';
- First Successful landing: 2015-12-22

Successful Drone Ship Landing with Payload between 4000 and 6000

- SELECT DISTINCT BOOSTER_VERSION FROM SPACEXTBL
- WHERE PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_ BETWEEN 4000 AND 6000 AND LANDING__OUTCOME = 'Success (drone ship)';

booster_version
F9 FT B1021.2
F9 FT B1031.2
F9 FT B1022
F9 FT B1026

Total Number of Successful and Failure Mission Outcomes

- SELECT MISSION_OUTCOME, COUNT(*) AS QTY FROM SPACEXTBL
- GROUP BY MISSION_OUTCOME ORDER BY MISSION_OUTCOME;

mission_outcome	qty
Failure (in flight)	1
Success	99
Success (payload status unclear)	1

Boosters Carried Maximum Payload

SELECT DISTINCT BOOSTER_VERSION FROM SPACEXTBL

WHERE PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_ = (SELECT MAX(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_)

FROM SPACEXTBL)

ORDER BY BOOSTER_VERSION;

booster_version

F9 B5 B1048.4

F9 B5 B1048.5

F9 B5 B1049.4

F9 B5 B1049.5

F9 B5 B1049.7

F9 B5 B1051.3

F9 B5 B1051.4

F9 B5 B1051.6

F9 B5 B1056.4

F9 B5 B1058.3

F9 B5 B1060.2

F9 B5 B1060.3

2015 Launch Records

SELECT BOOSTER_VERSION, LAUNCH_SITE FROM SPACEXTBL

WHERE LANDING__OUTCOME = 'Failure (drone ship)' AND DATE_PART('YEAR', DATE) = 2015

booster_version	launch_site
F9 v1.1 B1012	CCAFS LC-40
F9 v1.1 B1015	CCAFS LC-40

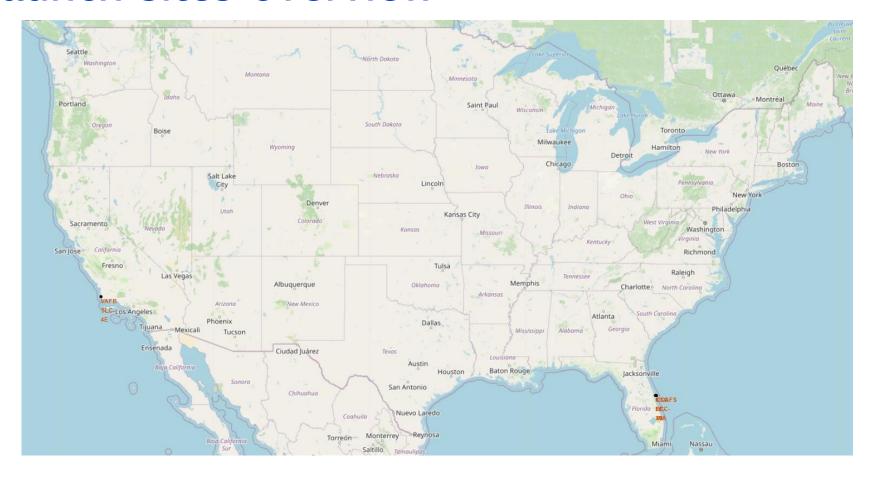
Rank Landing Outcomes Between 2010-06-04 and 2017-03-20

SELECT LANDING__OUTCOME, COUNT(*) AS QTY FROM SPACEXTBL WHERE DATE BETWEEN '2010-06-04' AND '2017-03-20' GROUP BY LANDING__OUTCOME ORDER BY QTY DESC;

landingoutcome	qty
No attempt	10
Failure (drone ship)	5
Success (drone ship)	5
Controlled (ocean)	3
Success (ground pad)	3
Failure (parachute)	2
Uncontrolled (ocean)	2
Precluded (drone ship)	1



All launch sites overview



• Launch sites are near the coast, and south end area of the US.

Launch result of each site



• Showing successful and failed launches at each site

Launch location and safety consideration

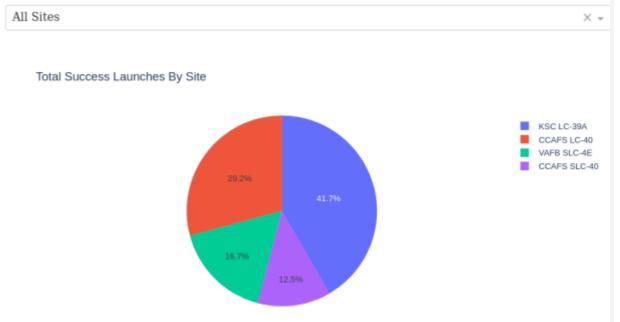


• Launch site SLC 40 is very close to the coast, and in distance from LC 39A



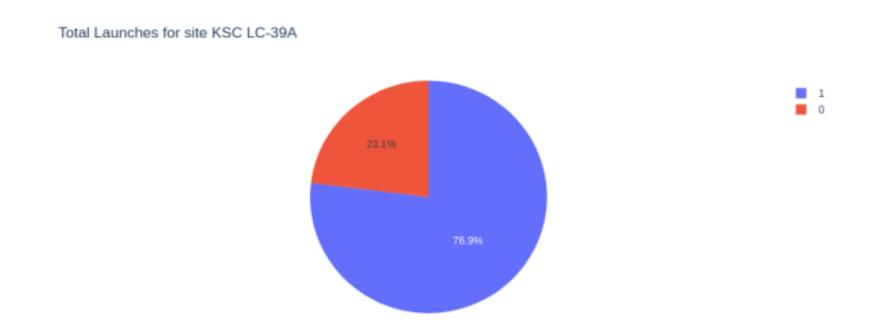
Pie Chart: Total Success Launches by Site

SpaceX Launch Records Dashboard



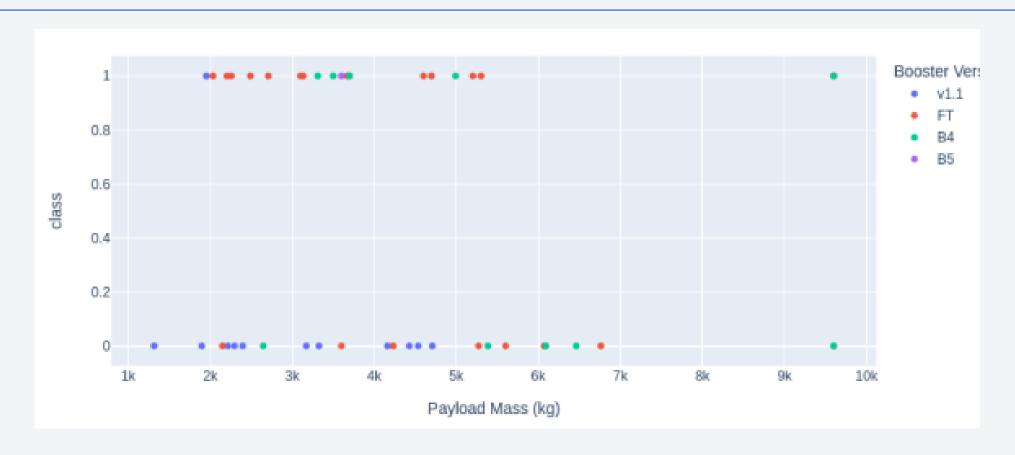
Successful launches rely on the LC-39A site

Success launch ratio at the most successful site



• At LC 39A, 76.9% of launches are successful

Scatter plot: of Payload vs Launch Result, differentiated by Booster

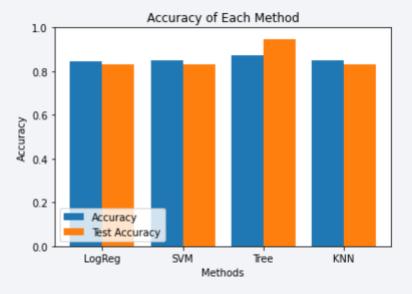


FT Booster with Payloads under 6000kg had better launch successes



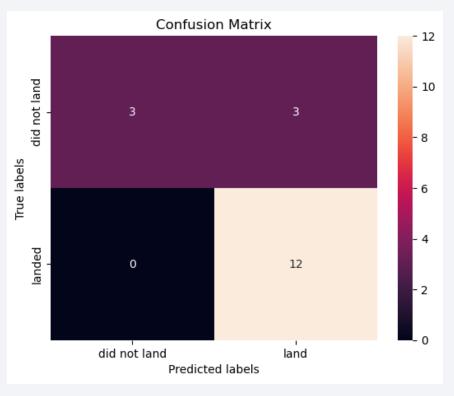
Classification Accuracy

- Tested Logistic Regression, SVM,
 Decision Tree and K -nearest
- Decision tree had the best test accuracy



Confusion Matrix of Decision Tree

 Confusion matrix showed high accuracy on high scores on predicted positive result and tested positive result.



Conclusions

- KSC LC-39A is the best launch site
- Orbits ES-L1, GEO, HEO, SSO, VLEO were relatively more successful than others.
- Launches above 6000kg are more successful, but high cost so less frequent.
- Decision tree for this case is more accurate.
- Launch site with more launches are easier to success.

